

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 29, 1898, with transcript

Letter from Mrs Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks Sunday, May 29th., 1898. My dear Alec:

Still no word from you, but Mr. McCurdy's letter received yesterday gave me a great deal of information about you all, for which I was very grateful. Before I forgot it, I saw Mary yesterday at the Bank and she says she has not heard a word from Mr. and Mrs. Bell since they arrived in Baddeck while they hear of other people having done so, and Mary evidently is beginning to have a good deal of feeling about it. I have not heard anything further of your Uncle, but Aileen is anxious that Sophie and Chester should come over here this summer. Your Uncle would like very much to go to Baddeck and says he was very comfortable with Mrs. Tremaine, but the family doubt whether he is strong enough for the journey at least at present.

Dr. Merriam, his wife and Children came out yesterday to see Mamma, Dr. Merriam evidently has been very ill he still has plenty of color but the color was confined to two red spots while the rest of his face was white. Mr. Walcott said that Dr. Mason was paralyzed all down one side. Mr. Dalgren died last night. I feel as if we all wanted to be together as much as possible. On the other hand I am a good deal worried about Elsie and wish that we could take her some where, where she could meet men that we were willing she should marry. Mr Lindsley leaves for the War on Wednesday and I think she is sorry. Mr. Powell wrote her that if she would be at home and he could get away he would come up from Fortress Monroe to see her. It is evident that she is attractive.

She had a tally ho coach party yesterday to go and see the review at Camp Alger but it was so hurriedly gotten up that none of her men could go. Still I think she had a good time. Charlie Catlin and his 2 wife went with them. They found the troops looking rather

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ragged and some had no uniforms and some no guns but Charlie Catlin was very much pleased with the men, he said they were a fine lot and compared most favorably with all the Spaniards and Italians and South Americans he had seen. As he has travelled so much I think his opinion must have weight. Mamma and Elsie are going to church and I must send this with them.

Yours lovingly, Mabel.